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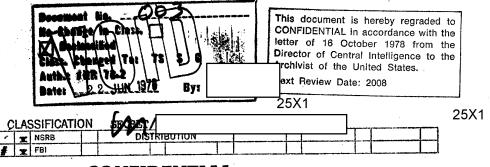
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- 1. The personnel of the Volkspolizei (VP) schools in Burg (M 53/Y 81) and Apollensdorf (N 52/E 37) were interchanged on 5 and 6 April 1950. Two trains were required for the transfer of the Burg police. There were about 1,000 police in the VP contingent from Apollensdorf. The reason for the exchange could not be determined. It was rumored among the police that the Burg VP school would soon be issued light German tanks of the old Pl and P2 models for training. No tanks, however, were observed.
- 2. Basic training at the Burg VP school was completed by early May 1950. Training with model-98K carbines, model-38 pistols, assault rifles, model-38 submachine guns, model-08/15 light machine guns, model-34 and model-42 machine guns and 120-mm mortars was included. Courses for NCOs were initiated recently at the VP school.
- 3. A policeman said that members of the Kochstedt (M 52/E 06) VF unit received special training as telephone and switch-board operators, radio operators, teletype operators and telegraph engineers upon completion of basic training. Light and medium German radio sets, small and medium switchboards, heavy field wire and trunk field wire were used in this instruction. The signal equipment was still inadequate.



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- 4. A lieutenant and ten police from the Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) VP Bereitschaft were scheduled in mid-April 1950 for a transfer to Muegen Island (N 55/P 65). They were all former glider pilots.
- 5. A VP officer stated that two VP tank units were stationed in Dessau (M 52/E 17), and that they were receiving training with German P4 type tanks in addition to light tanks.
- 6. It was rumored that the V¹ units were recently redesignated in accordance with the German Army terms for tactical units, and that German Army ranks would soon be reintroduced into the Volkspolizei. Some VP terms, with the Corresponding army terms were:

Gruppe

- Gruppe (squad, section)

Abteilung Kommando - Zug (platoon)
- Kompanie (company)

Bereitschaft

- Abteilung (battalion), of 1,000

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